

## FATALITY MANAGEMENT AUTOPSY TECHNICIAN

<b>RESOURCE CATEGORY</b>	Medical and Public Health
<b>RESOURCE KIND</b>	Personnel
<b>OVERALL FUNCTION</b>	The Fatality Management (FM) Autopsy Technician assists the forensic pathologist before, during and after autopsies
<b>COMPOSITION AND ORDERING SPECIFICATIONS</b>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. This position can be ordered as a single resource or in conjunction with a NIMS typed team (Fatality Management Morgue Forensic Team).</li> <li>2. Discuss logistics for deploying this position, such as working conditions, length of deployment, security, lodging, transportation, and meals, prior to deployment</li> </ol>

Each type of resource builds on the qualifications of the type below it. For example, Type 1 qualifications include the qualifications in Type 2, plus an increase in capability. Type 1 is the highest qualification level.

COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
<b>DESCRIPTION</b>	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Performs duties with decedents or within areas exposed to hazardous materials	The FM Autopsy Technician: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Receives instructions from the FM Forensic Pathologist about duties to perform and procedures to follow</li> <li>2. Moves remains for examination</li> <li>3. Prepares collection materials or forms</li> <li>4. Cleans instruments and work surfaces</li> <li>5. Ensures the completion of all support functions for processed remains</li> <li>6. Reports directly to the FM Forensic Pathologist</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>EDUCATION</b>	Same as Type 2	High School Diploma or equivalent	Not Specified
<b>TRAINING</b>	Same as Type 2, PLUS: Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response	Completion of the following: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. IS-100: Introduction to the Incident Command System, ICS-100</li> <li>2. IS-200: Basic Incident Command System for Initial Response, ICS-200</li> <li>3. IS-700: National Incident Management System, An Introduction</li> <li>4. IS-800: National Response Framework, An Introduction</li> <li>5. Training in accordance with Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness</li> <li>6. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protection</li> <li>7. Training in accordance with OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens</li> </ol>	Not Specified

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COMPONENT	TYPE 1	TYPE 2	NOTES
<b>EXPERIENCE</b>	Same as Type 2	<p>Knowledge, Skills, and Abilities:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Intermediate computer skills, including e-mail, internet, word processing, and spreadsheet proficiency</li> <li>2. Familiarity with evidence handling and chain of custody</li> </ol> <p>Experience:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Two years of autopsy technician experience with a medical examiner office or coroner system</li> <li>2. Agency Having Jurisdiction (AHJ)-verified comparable on-the-job training sufficient to perform the duties of this position</li> </ol>	Not Specified
<b>PHYSICAL/MEDICAL FITNESS</b>	Same as Type 2	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Arduous</li> <li>2. Performs duties with exposure to whole and fragmented human remains in various stages of decomposition</li> <li>3. Performs duties with sights and smells associated with death, including seeing children as victims, grieving survivors, and family members of missing victims</li> <li>4. Maintains immunizations in accordance with the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's recommended adult immunization schedule for the United States of America</li> </ol>	The NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System (NQS) defines Physical/Medical Fitness levels for NIMS positions.
<b>CURRENCY</b>	Same as Type 2	Functions in this position during an operational incident, planned event, exercise, drill, or simulation at least once every two years	Not Specified
<b>PROFESSIONAL AND TECHNICAL LICENSES AND CERTIFICATIONS</b>	Not Specified	Not Specified	Not Specified

## NOTES

Nationally typed resources represent the minimum criteria for the associated category.

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## REFERENCES

1. FEMA, NIMS 508-12: Fatality Management Morgue Forensic Team
2. FEMA, NIMS 509-12: Fatality Management Forensic Pathologist
3. FEMA, National Incident Management System (NIMS), October 2017
4. FEMA, NIMS Guideline for the National Qualification System, November 2017
5. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention: Immunization Recommendations for Disaster Responders
6. Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) 29 Code of Federal Regulations (CFR) Part 1910.120: Hazardous Materials Awareness, latest edition adopted
7. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.120: Hazardous Waste Operations and Emergency Response, latest edition adopted
8. OSHA 29 CFR Part 1910.134: Respiratory Protections, latest edition adopted
9. OSHA, 29 CFR Part 1910.1030: Bloodborne Pathogens, latest edition adopted